

Fanny Unites in sending love to all - Mr Whicketon
New Bedford 12 month 1st 1841.

Dear Deborah,

Some two months have elapsed since I have heard anything from or about you, excepting what Mr Whiley told me a few weeks ago about some of the family who had returned home, the particulars of which & who had come he could not definitely tell. I am well aware that you are the main spoke in the wheel and have not expected you to write yet I will say that even a few lines would be acceptable when convenient. Now that I have commenced I know not hardly what to say - but in firmis; - perhaps about my own family will interest you as much as any thing - well beginning with myself & Frank - we have both had and are now recovering from our second attack of Scarlitena - Four weeks ago Frank was taken. He was not so very sick - however the eruption showed itself all over him with sore throat and all the ailments belonging to the disease, but he recovers very slowly - goes out but little & has but little strength to get over the effects - Dr Gordon says every thing is favorable & that it will require time - may take two months before he entirely recovers - he blouts up every evening & his face is flushed & he is very

tived - the last few years he has been very healthy
and active & it is a severe trial for him
to be shut up in the House even if it is
not all the time. Perhaps it is fortunate
that I am or rather have been sick at the
same time, for we have both helped each
other pass away time being exactly of the
same age - "Pax nobile fratum" I have taught
him to play chequers and Backgammon so
that he can beat me and made him cross
Guns & arrows and he will be a match for
any of the Sharp Shooters. The Government
mustn't know this fact - for his services
will be wanted now more and more every
day when it is known that his arrows are
of the real lignum vitae and dyed with
Abolitionism & will strike right into the
Heart of the Enemy - Young as he is, he knows
what is what - You never saw a more indignant
fellow when I told him Fremont was removed,
he said, he wished all his officers would
resign - he has kept his Fremont & Dayton
Flag & you can see it at any time hoisted
at the top of the House - I have only been able
to go out the pleasant part of the day for
three weeks - like most adults, I did not
break out but my throat was very much
inflamed for a few days with the other
symptoms - but I am weak & have to be

very careful of myself am much better & shall
go on duty again this week. Fanny is very well
though she has considerable additional cares
in consequence of our sickness - Joey is well.
I wrote you he had gone with the Mill - he
had been there about eight weeks, and is
faithful & proved himself thus far equal
to the part assigned him - He is becoming
a very good bowler player - Little Thorne is
as great by nearly as large as Franky, and
active & lively. Alice is very well most
of the time. Louisa is very poorly - She and
Daniel went to Northampton at the Water Cures
thinking the change would be beneficial.
They remained two days & returned - Daniel
having been taken sick with a bilious fever
and fever & has the Deter (Mutter) but is better.
The exertion & journey has been of a benefit
to Louisa thus far - I hope there will be no
reaction for she can bear but very little, she
is so feeble - Arthur was at home a few days
he is or has just gone again in the same vessel
the Nightingale to Port Royal - he is & has been
very well & likes his situation & officer much.
was at the Naval Engagement in the Mississippi
his vessel got ashore & all the crew were taken
aboard the other vessels excepting him & Turner
who were left to set fire to her if necessary
to prevent her falling in the hands of the enemy.

There was considerable sickness aboard incident
to the tropical climate - It is a good thing
for Arthur & I think he will become an
excellent physician - Gilbert Thornton's son
Alexander, has also gone to Fort Monroe to
join Gilly, E. as paymaster's clerk & his father
has an army contract for clothes, while
John Horkin has been one of Tremont's staff.
Thus you will see that the descendants of
Quakers, are not all Quakers - Kate is very
well & is intimate with "our Jessie" who she
says resembles her more of your sister Caroline
than any one else - Since Tremont's resignation
John Horkin has had several offers, but who
he will eventually decide on Kate was uncertain
today - All the rest of the family are well as
usual - Sarah Ann is quite well for her, is
able to go up & down stairs & even dined Thanksgiving
day at Dentl Thornton where family are we
Mr Emerson I presume you know has left the
High School & gone to Boston with his family
My friend Maggi now Lieut Col^o 21st Regiment has
nobly refused to return a fugitive who was pur-
sued by his master & driven into the lines - he feels
the poor fellow & bid him God speed to see his master
become tignt for liberty & that he would have
to answer to a higher tribunal for his cruelty & bid
him depart hence - Maggi sent me a package of letters
which I sent to Neddele Phillips - I should like to get
to see them when in town - His col murse is a slave

Cather & Maggie has written
Gov Andrew about it — he
wanted Phillips, Sumner,
Mr Weiss to see the letters,
I sent them to Wendell &
wrote Sumner & Weiss to
call on Phillips — Sumner
wrote Maggie, a beautiful
note for me to read & forward
him, thanking him for what
he had done — stating he had a
clerk from his tent in the
Senate aile Office full of
slaves — Mr
Weiss is acquainted with Maggie
in his letter to me says he
has written Gov Andrew
in behalf of Maggie that
she is a soldier & a Patriot
&c — The facts will be of
advantage to Phillips, who
has a very peculiar way
of making use of all facts.

Weiss also says that "when
you preach now a day you may
suppose I do not fail to
urge the policy of Emancipation
We expectee to have had the
Summer lecture before the Lyceum
they wanted him & he wanted
to come, but they could not
arrange on any night he could
come - Phillips is coming
next month - Curtis I do
not hear - from what I hear
I think he profiteer by the Critic
comes in the Liberator & took
bolden ground here - Last week
I rec'd a long letter from Ruth Lyne
Russell, who is at the Georgetown
Hospital - it was very interesting
I want to see you much, but
when I shall be able to leave
I cannot now say - I am in
hopes to be stronger before long
Yrs Deborah Weston Your faithful
Doreth Rickett